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Ballina, on the Richmond River, a town distant about 60 miles from Ulmarra. The case was visited by the assistant medical officer of the Government in charge of the outbreak on the Clarence on Saturday, and reported to be plague. The patient has been isolated and all precautions have been taken to prevent spread of infection. A sanitary inspector and gang of ratcatchers have been dispatched to Ballina; the municipality has been declared infected, and steps have been taken to prevent export of infected merchandise therefrom.

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Infected rats have been found at 3 premises on the Clarence River since the 4th instant.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary*.

Report from Newcastle—Plague.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of March 28:

A telegram of the 27th instant has been received from the consul at Newcastle, Australia, reporting the presence of plague at that port.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Reports from Fiume—Inspection of emigrants.

Consular Agent La Guardia reports, March 3 and 17, as follows:

Steamship *Slavonia* sailed March 2 for New York; inspected and passed 1,871 steerage passengers, rejected at final inspection, 7; inspected and labeled 2,300 small and 28 large pieces of baggage, disinfected 8 pieces, containing used feathers and bedding.

March 17.—Steamship *Pannonia*, sailed March 16 for New York; inspected and passed 1,754 steerage passengers; rejected at final inspection, 32; inspected and labeled 2,000 pieces small and 30 pieces large baggage; disinfected, 10 pieces.

Report from Trieste—Inspection of emigrants.

Consul Hossfeld reports, March 14, as follows:

The Cunard steamship *Pannonia* left this port on March 13, bound for New York, via Fiume and Palermo.

The number of steerage passengers embarked was 202; at the final inspection 7 were rejected. The baggage of all the emigrants, consisting of 221 pieces, was disinfected.

CHINA.

Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, March 7, as follows:

During the week ended February 18, 1905, there were inspected 3 vessels, 138 crew, and 1 steerage passenger. To passengers and crew destined to American ports, 88 certificates of vaccination were issued. Manifests were viséed for 7,364 pieces of freight, and the effects of 5

sailors (3 pieces of baggage) were disinfected. There were no immigration examinations made, and no quarantinable diseases were reported from outports.

There were reported to the municipal health officer during the week among foreigners, smallpox, 3 new cases; tuberculosis, 1 new case; and among natives, smallpox, 13 deaths; diphtheria, 1 death, and tuberculosis, 36 deaths. The total reported mortality was 4 foreigners and 161 natives, a considerable increase over the previous week.

During the week ended March 4, 1905, 2 supplemental bills and 1 original bill of health were issued, and there were inspected 3 vessels, 310 crew, 4 cabin and 92 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 2,343 pieces of freight. There were disinfected the effects of 8 sailors, shipped here from San Francisco (8 pieces), and 29 vaccination certificates were issued to those bound direct to American ports. One immigrant, per steamship *Minnesota*, to Manila, was examined and passed. Three cases of illness, which proved to be nonquarantinable, were investigated.

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows among foreigners 1 new case of diphtheria; among natives, 5 deaths from smallpox, 5 deaths from diphtheria, and 25 deaths from tuberculosis. The total mortality is reported to have been 4 foreigners and 143 natives. No new cases of small-pox among foreigners appear to have been reported, although, to my personal knowledge, there were 2 cases, both of the hemorrhagic type, and there were doubtless others.

There were no quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

CUBA.

Report from Habana—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Wertenbaker reports, March 27, as follows:

Week ended March 25, 1905—

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued	25
Crew of outgoing vessels inspected	2, 857
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	1, 167
Pieces of freight passed (salted hides)	566

No quarantinable diseases have been reported in the city or in the island during the week.

Mortality in Habana during the ten days ended March 20, 1905.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Cancer	6
Diphtheria	1
Enteritis, under 2 years	a 9
Scarlet fever	1
Tuberculosis	28

a Previous period of ten days, eight deaths.

Total number of deaths from all causes, 132.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Precautionary detention of steamship Yoruga from Veracruz—Mortuary statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, March 27, as follows:

During the week ended March 25, 1905, bills of health were granted to 9 vessels bound for United States ports in good sanitary condition.